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Art Unit: 3714

For: GAMING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF
GAMING INCLUDING INTERACTIVE
GAMING SYMBOLS FOR PRODUCING
DIFFERENT OUTCOMES

Examiner: J. M. Hotaling

RESPONSE

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.